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## Evangelism Conf. offers multiple tracks

By Tony Martin  
Associate Editor

The 2005 Mississippi Baptist Evangelism Conference, held January 24-25 at the West Campus of Temple Church in Hattiesburg, was notable for innovative scheduling as well as outstanding preaching and music.

Mississippi pastors, staff, and laypersons gathered for the conference sponsored by the Evangelism Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB).

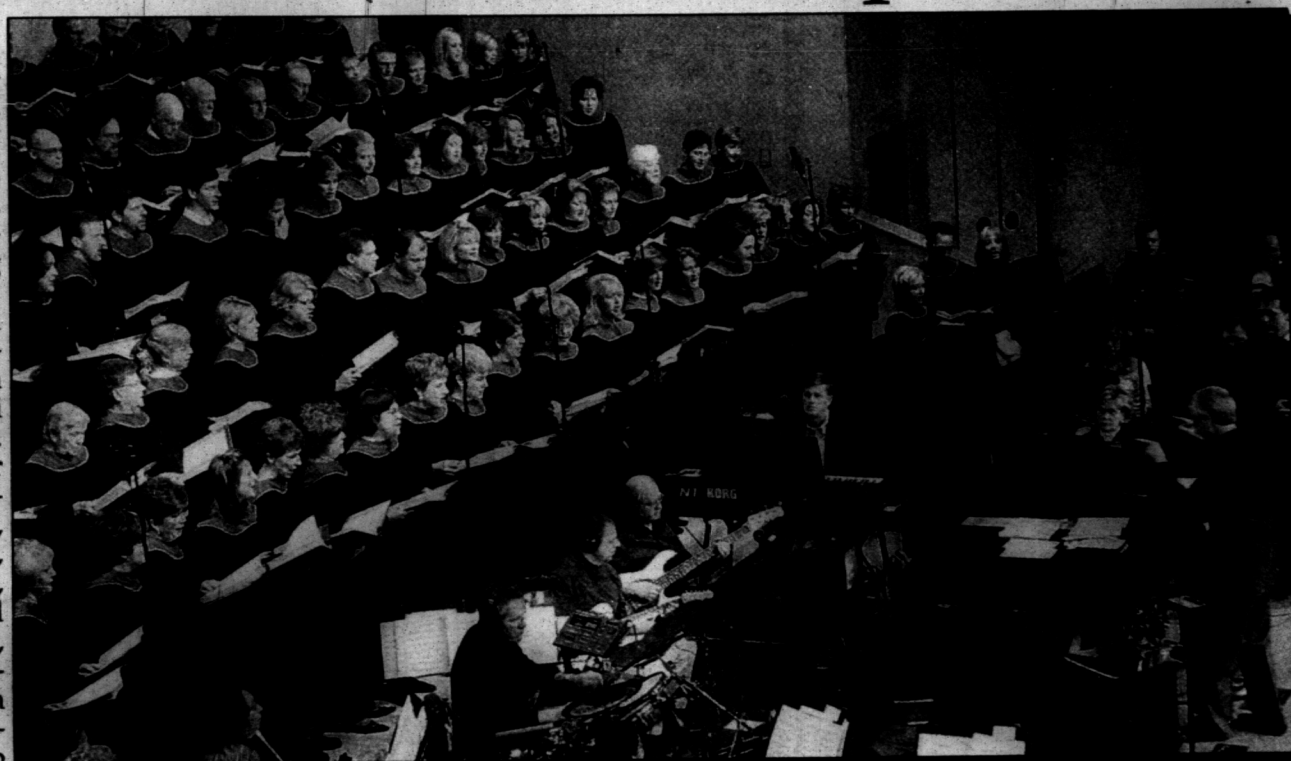
A first this year was the senior adult track. In addition to a worship rally featuring Jim Futral, MBCB executive director-treasurer, and Paid in Full as musical guests, the senior adult track provided several seminar opportunities, including: Servanthood Evangelism for Seniors, led by Glenn Shows, family ministry/adult consultant in the MBCB Discipleship and Family Ministry (DFM) Department; Share Jesus Without Fear, led by Marcus Peagler, DFM director; Golden Opportunities for Seniors, led by Kay Cassibry, executive director of the Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union; and Sunday School as Outreach for Seniors, led by John Clendenning, general administration/adult consultant in the MBCB Sunday School Department.

The afternoon of January 24 and the morning and afternoon of January 25, offered both men's track and women's tracks. The woman's track, with the theme, In Christ's Steps, featured testimonies; special music; praise and worship led by Karen Fisk, minister of music, at Sylvarena Church, Wesson; and keynote addresses offered by Rhonda Kelley, New Orleans Seminary professor of women's ministry and wife of seminary President Chuck Kelley.

"If we truly desire to follow in God's steps by being holy," Kelley said, "we have to not only involve ourselves in prayer and Bible study, but just by spending time with Him. When we spend time in God's presence, He rubs off on us."

The men's Monday afternoon conference included praise and worship by Matt Rouse, associate minister of music/orchestra director at First Church, Jackson. Paid in Full, a gospel trio from New Albany, offered special music throughout the conference. Temple Church Pastor Dean Register, opened the conference with a message from Acts 4.

"You can have triumph in spite of trouble," Register said, speaking of those early Christians. "They demonstrated an



**SINGING PRAISES** — The Celebration Choir and Orchestra of Temple Church, Hattiesburg, under the direction of Worship Pastor Paul Koonce, leads the conferees at the 2005 State Evangelism Conference in thunderous worship and praise Jan. 24. The conference was held at Temple Church's West campus in Hattiesburg. (BR photo by Tony Martin)

unshakable confidence in Christ; we need an unmistakable declaration about salvation; and we need an unquenchable boldness no matter what the cost."

David Uth, senior pastor of First Church, West Monroe, La., preached from the account in Mark 2 of the paralytic being dropped through the roof of a house by four friends.

"Know what the roof is?" Uth asked. "It's your traditions. Our attitude should be 'whatever it takes.' Maybe we have to tear a hole in the roof to reach people. Not everyone's going to be happy, but the one who came through the roof will thank you."

Stan Buckley, pastor of First Church, Jackson, encouraged conferees to "go back to the basics and tell people about Jesus." Preaching from Luke 15, Buckley noted the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son.

"That which was missing was valuable," said Buckley. "There was an all-out search to find what was lost, except in the case of the prodigal; and there was an all-out celebration when what was lost is found."

The Monday evening segment included a praise and worship celebration led by Paul Koonce, worship pastor of Temple Church, and Temple's Celebration Choir and Orchestra. David Uth brought another message, as did Ed Young, pastor of Second Church, Houston, Texas.

"To grow a church," Young said, "I'd preach my congregation the book of Romans line by line."

Tuesday morning's conference included praise and worship led by Ronnie Cottingham of Lucedale, music evangelist and founder of Jus' Jesus Ministries, Inc.

Ken Lyle, MBCB consultant for mission strategy, used Luke 4 as his text. "The church exists not for itself, but exists for the world,"

Lyle said. "We need to stop taking a market approach to church. We are not a vendor of religious goods. People aren't led to Jesus by entertainment, but by the Holy Spirit of God."

O. S. Hawkins, president of GuideStone Financial Resources (formerly the Annuity Board) of the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas, preached from Acts 9.

Speaking of the fear of God, Hawkins said, "Fear of God doesn't mean that God's going to beat us with a club. It means reverential awe. We should fear not that God would put His hand on you, but that He would take His hand off of you."

Robert Smith, professor of Christian preaching at Beeson Divinity School at Samford University in Birmingham, used 2 Corinthians 12 as his text, having as his topic "the other side of grace."

"Wisdom comes from the awful grace of God," Smith said. Speaking of Paul's "thorn in his flesh," Smith said, "God thought it up and designed it, but Satan delivered it. The awfulness of the grace of God was never more clearly seen than in Gethsemane."

The final session included messages from Hawkins and Smith, and worship and praise led by Bernie Parker, minister of music at First Church, Columbia.

Sonny Adkins, MBCB evangelism director, praised the hospitality of Temple Church. Speaking of the conferees, Adkins said, "We want them to be able to go back to their churches and instill fervor for evangelism there. We want them to receive a blessing from God so that they can be a blessing for God in their communities."

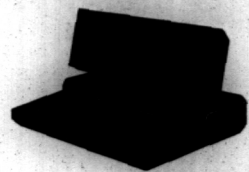
The conference is funded annually by gifts to the Mississippi Cooperative Program. The 2006 conference is scheduled for Jan. 23-24 at Fairview Church, Columbus.

**MAKING A POINT** — Laurel native Ed Young, pastor of Second Church, Houston, Texas, proclaims the Gospel message during his sermon January 24 at the 2005 Mississippi Baptist Evangelism Conference at Temple Church West Campus, Hattiesburg. (BR photo by Tony Martin)





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Dr. James Dobson, with *Focus on the Family*, pleads for our action. An organization has been granted a Federal Hearing by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in Washington, D.C. Their petition, #2493, would ultimately pave the way to stop the reading of the gospel of our Lord and Savior on the airwaves of America. They got 287,000 signatures to back their stand! If this attempt is successful, all Sunday worship services being broadcast on the radio or by television will be stopped. This group is also campaigning to remove all Christmas programs and Christmas carols from public schools! You, as a Christian, can help! We are praying for at least one million signatures.

This would defeat their effort and show that there are many Christians alive, well, and concerned about our country. As Christians, we must unite on this. Please don't take this lightly. We ignored one lady once and lost prayer in our schools and in offices across the nation. Please stand up for your religious freedom and let your voice be heard. Together we can make a difference in our country while creating an opportunity for the lost to know the Lord.

Please press "forward," clean up the message, and forward this to everyone you think should read this. Now, please sign your name at the bottom. Don't delete any other names, just go to the next number and type your name.

Please do not sign jointly, such as Mr. & Mrs. each person should sign his/her own name.

Apparently, many thousands of people have received this breathless e-mail plea over the past several months. Problem is, it's not true.

"The urban legend about petition 2493 has circulated with different types of pleas and 'calls for action' for many years. In fact, Focus

## High tech gossip

on the Family has recently learned of a version of the rumor that said that Dr. Dobson himself was asking for people to respond to the e-mail by signing a petition and circulating it to their friends and family. Please be assured that this is not true; Dr. Dobson did not initiate an e-mail petition," according to a statement Focus on the Family's official web site.

Unfortunately, the old Madalyn Murray O'Hair petition is making the rounds again, this time updated with James Dobson's name and zipped across the country at the effortless speed of e-mail. Christians, of all people, should not engage in such wasteful and ineffective activities as high tech gossip — and that's exactly what this is.

"Sadly, some Christians have embraced urban legends, developing a whole catalog of fables that are often used as affirmation of our faith in the Bible or to warn of a threat against religious liberties. The problem is that by uncritically forwarding some of these e-mails, we often violate the command against bearing false witness, and we hurt the church's credibility when we then try to preach a Gospel of truth," said Focus on the Family senior online editor Greg Hartman, in a recent issue of Focus on the Family magazine.

"Christians should not rush to believe, much less repeat, unsubstantiated gossip.



**INTERNET RUMORS** — To investigate Internet rumors, first go to the web site of the individual or organization that is mentioned in the e-mail, such as James Dobson and Focus on the Family. The web sites of these individuals and organizations often have special sections devoted to rumors. Secondly, a number of web sites exist for the purpose of dispelling Internet rumors and hoaxes, including [www.snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com) and [www.truthorfiction.com](http://www.truthorfiction.com). (Note: The mention of particular web sites not controlled by The Baptist Record or the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board does not imply endorsement. Caution is recommended.)

As many in the Christian community predicted, members of the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences have ignored Mel Gibson's *The Passion of The Christ* for the Best Picture, Best Director, and Best Actor categories in their nominations for the 77th Oscars. Why?

Pundits for both the secular and Christian press have acknowledged that Gibson succeeded in relaying the agony and ecstasy of the sacrifice made at Calvary. Beyond the countless articles written about the effect the film had on churchgoers and agnostics alike, the box office proved *The Passion of The Christ* was sending a message to corporate Hollywood that "If you tell it, they will come."

As for the artistic merits of the picture, many reviewers found that Mel Gibson managed the behind-the-camera job impeccably. He orchestrated the proceedings with a deliberate slow pace in order to add tension. Aided by Caleb Deschanel's superb Baroque-like cinematography, a potent score by John Debney and Jim Caviezel's sincere yet muted performance, Gibson brought a mood and sensitivity never before captured on film when telling the story of Christ's selfless mission.

## GUEST OPINION:



*Oscar snubs Gibson,  
to no one's surprise*

By Phil Boatwright  
Thousand Oaks, California

One scene stands out as not only technically impressive, but emotionally electrifying: the end of Christ's journey at Golgotha, a bird's-eye view taking in the tableau, briefly becoming distorted, as if looking through water. Suddenly that optical illusion converts into a single teardrop falling to earth, signifying God's pain. Many are referring to this episode as profound, claiming it gives a perspective of the Creator's love for His Son and declaring what He was willing to sacrifice for mankind. An artistically original and spiritually truthful effect, it became a great movie moment.

Justly rated "R" for its graphic depiction of scourging, beating and crucifixion, *The Passion of The Christ* was

meant to shock, unnerve and clarify the ordeal of Christ's surrendering. But while the film showed the physical horrors Jesus endured, it wasn't really about what mankind did to Him, but about what He did for us.

"I wanted the audience to feel like they were really there, witnessing the events as they had actually happened," Gibson said in an interview this past year. "Once I started meditating on [Christ's] passion, really going deep into it in my own mind and heart, then I began to understand it, to believe that's the version I put on film," Gibson added.

Snide, mocking remarks were found in several entertainment magazines concerning *The Passion* during the

course of the year. Though many were made in jest, it became difficult not to interpret those remarks as downright hostile. Was this a signal that *Passion* would be shunned come Oscar time? Evidently.

Was the disdain aimed at the film or the filmmaker? Perhaps not, because Tinseltown is not a community that often slights a product or one of their own who manages to bring in \$370 million.

Rather, this might suggest that the belittling was in response to something else. Perhaps, as many have suggested, it was spiritual blindness or rebellious pride harbored against not the artistry of Mel Gibson, but the Savior of the world. After all, to acknowledge Gibson's *Passion* is to admit that there is validity to the greatest story ever told.

Earlier this month, it should be noted, *The Passion of The Christ* won the People's Choice Award for Best Drama. The winners were determined by Internet voting — by we, the people.

Boatwright reviews film from a Christian perspective at [movieporter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:movieporter@sbcglobal.net). His commentary appears courtesy of Baptist Press.



# Organizers: Baptists all around Super Bowl

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (BP) — On a day when three-quarters of a billion people worldwide will be glued to their televisions watching Super Bowl XXXIX, hordes of Southern Baptists will take to the streets in Jacksonville — the site of the game — to ensure that everything goes like clockwork.

Though some plan to catch at least part of the excitement of the Feb. 6 game, many will be working as volunteers to set up the stage for the halftime show, to serve as casting directors for the pre-game show, to greet visitors and to transport guests and NFL officials and workers to and from their hotels.

One pre-game event, the Convoy of Hope, will place volunteers side by side with NFL dignitaries and celebrities. "The eyes of the world are going to be on Jacksonville... and there is a tendency of the church to run away, but this is our time to shine," said David Garrett, director of church and community ministries for Jacksonville Association.

Garrett said he believes Florida Baptists have an unprecedented opportunity to be salt and light to an expected 100,000 visitors to the city and to countless residents.

"Doing what's right and in right ways can in itself be a ministry," Garrett said. He and others on a specially created task force suggested churches "don't run away," but instead find ways to involve their members in community and church-based activities.

In other words, Garrett is calling for believers to be the "church dispersed" in Jacksonville.

First Down First Coast, an evangelism effort encompassing more than 30 projects, was the result of a task force on which Garrett and local pastors serve with David Burton, director of evangelism for the Florida Baptist Convention and Tim B.

Knopps, founder of the Timothy Institute for Evangelism, based in Oklahoma City.

Garrett, the project's coordinator, told the Florida Baptist Witness newspaper that the association's churches are not planning big events that will attract masses of people, but instead will be involved in a number of outreach activities. As a member of the Jacksonville 2005 Super Bowl Host Committee, Garrett also has urged churches to stay involved by enlisting church members to help in a variety of sanctioned events, rather than to try and go it alone, given such a large task.

First Down First Coast ultimately has committed to mobilizing about 20 percent of the 8,000-9,000 volunteers needed to staff events such as the NFL Experience and other Host Committee-sanctioned events. A list of First Down First Coast projects shows five Baptist associations involved in the various projects: Jacksonville, Halifax, Black Creek, St. Johns River and Northeast Florida.

Burton told the Witness he is treating the Super Bowl like any big evangelism project and has procured tracts and soul-winning materials, along with marked New Testaments and 25,000 copies of Sports Spectrum magazine with resources made available by the Southern Baptist Convention's North American Mission Board.

"This is like a foreign mission trip, only the people are coming to us," Burton said. "I feel that we need to aggressively take advantage of the enthusiasm in the air... and instead of spending money, effort and time to go and do missions, we are seeding the Gospel and leading people to Jesus on the streets of Jacksonville."

Burton said that Christians outside of Jacksonville can pray for those in northeast Florida — especially in the Jacksonville area which includes nearby

communities such as Fernandina Beach, Amelia Island, Green Cove Springs and the Jacksonville Beach areas — where Super Bowl related activities will draw crowds.

Churches can also host their own Super Bowl watch parties, Burton said. "Every pastor has to decide whether he's going to ignore it and do his worship and let everybody be involved in Super Bowl activities before and after services, or is going to try to blend the day when I believe the majority of people's minds are on the Super Bowl," Burton said.

As for Jacksonville, Burton is unwavering in his belief that believers should be intentional about their witness. "I encourage all of our Southern Baptist volunteers who are assisting the host committee in Jacksonville to pray and prepare themselves before the venue that they serve, and depend on God to put words in their mouth at the very moment they need it to speak about Jesus," Burton said, citing Luke 12:12.

"Random acts of kindness ought to be rampant," Burton said. "We ought to see random acts of kindness all over this city. Assist people, help people, love people — and people will see the Gospel salt and light."

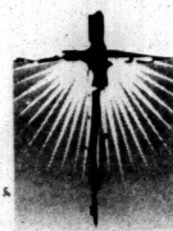
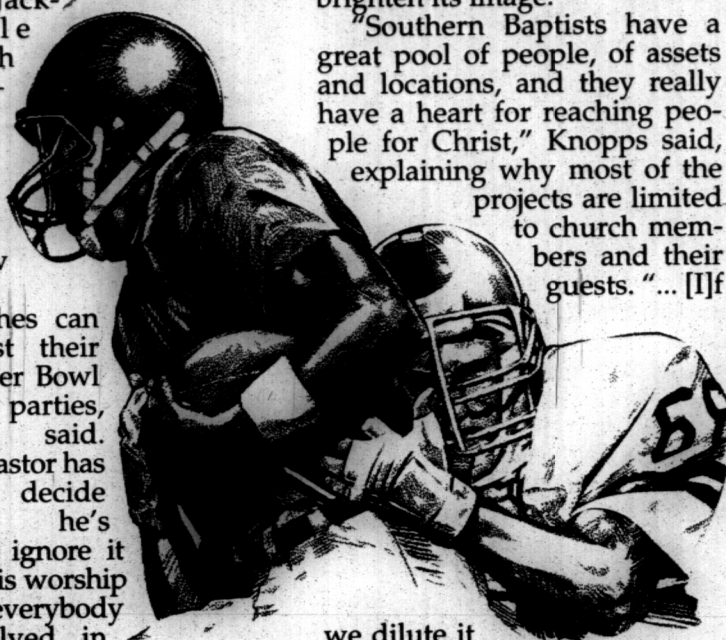
Knopps, a long-time evangelist and former staff member of the North American Mission Board, told the Witness he is also excited about the possibilities, but also grateful for the opportunity to serve Florida Baptists as a consultant.

No newcomer to Super Bowl-sized challenges, Knopps has been called on by big-event organizers for the College World Series, the Boston Marathon and America's World

Cup Soccer Championship. His task? To help enlist the many volunteers a host city needs to brighten its image.

"Southern Baptists have a great pool of people, of assets and locations, and they really have a heart for reaching people for Christ," Knopps said, explaining why most of the projects are limited to church members and their guests. "... [I]f

we dilute it too much it changes the dynamics."



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That doesn't mean that some of the sub-projects sponsored by First Down First Coast are not being done in cooperation with other church groups. First Coast Christian Outreach — a group of churches of various Christian denominations — is joining forces with First Down for activities, including a March for Jesus, Feed the Children, Convoy of Hope and Souper Bowl of Caring.

Knopps said he has encountered some resistance to his approach to evangelism but is confident that each and every project he consults on has as "part of its protocol," instructions on how to build witnessing relationships. "If you can't do evangelism, you can't do the project," Knopps said he advises the churches. "That's just the rule of the game."

Knopps said he expects to see, in a 10-day period, 200,000 pieces of witnessing material distributed.

## Workshop planned

The 2005 Church Anniversary-History Writing Workshop, sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission (MBHC), will be conducted on February 19 at First Church, Clinton. Program highlights will include:

- The value of Christian church celebrations on significant anniversaries (defined as 100-, 125-, 150-, 175-, and 200-year anniversaries).
- The triad of an anniversary celebration: basic, intermediate, or comprehensive.
- The methodology in planning a significant anniversary in a Christian church.
- The nuts and bolts of writing a church history.
- Informative presentations from six churches that recently celebrated anniversaries.
- Orientation seminar on the resources at MBHC.

"The workshop is specifically developed for churches with significant anniversaries in 2005, 2006, and 2007. However, any church is eligible to participate," said Edward McMillan of Clinton, MBHC executive secretary.

There is no fee to attend the workshop, but reservations are requested. For registration materials or more information, contact MBHC at P.O. Box 4024, Clinton, MS 39058. Telephone: (601) 925-3400. E-mail: mbhc@mbc.edu.

## Looking back

### 10 years ago

Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth is placed on probation for two years by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, because of actions by the seminary's trustee board.

### 20 years ago

More than 200 people attend the dedication of Scott Association's new building in Forest. The new facility includes office space, workroom, kitchen, library/media center, and conference area.

### 50 years ago

Southern Baptists gain 613,190 in Sunday School enrollment in 1954 to set an all-time record in denominational gains, according to a report released by J. P. Edmunds, Southern Baptist Convention statistician.



## First, Jackson to host conferences



Shirer

the outdoors.

Priscilla Evans Shirer, daughter of nationally-known pastor and author Tony Evans, will be the featured speaker for A Jewel in His Crown on February 4-5. Shirer has written a number of books, including *And We Are Changed: Transforming Encounters with God*, and *A Jewel in His Crown*. Her ministry is focused on the expository teaching of the Word of God to women.

Registration is \$30 per person. For ticket information, visit the church's web site at [www.fbcj.org](http://www.fbcj.org), or contact Mary Byrd at (601) 714-6926. E-mail: [mkbbyrd@fbcj.org](mailto:mkbbyrd@fbcj.org).



Houston

will include dinner, door prizes, and outdoors exhibits and demonstrations.

Houston, a deacon at First Southern Baptist Church in Keys, Oklahoma, opted out of the running for the 2003 Busch BASS Angler of the Year competition, which he had won in two previous years, rather than wear a Busch beer jacket patch and use a Busch beer logo on his boat.

Tickets for *Hawgs 'n Horns* are six dollars per person in advance and nine dollars per person at the door. For ticket information, visit the church's web site at [www.fbcj.org](http://www.fbcj.org), or contact Riley Brown at 601-714-6916. E-mail: [rbrown@fbcj.org](mailto:rbrown@fbcj.org).

## RIGHT FEET

I want to invite you to think about feet for a few minutes. The Bible has a lot to say about feet. "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the Gospel," Paul said, "Our feet should be shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace." Jesus demonstrated that at times we need to be involved in the washing of feet, but I am thinking more in terms of making sure that our feet are taken care of and moving in the right direction.

Some years ago I remember one of my deacons telling me about a Christmas event. Their young son got a new pair of cowboy boots for Christmas. You can imagine how excited he was. On Christmas morning he started putting on his new boots, but they did not work right. As he started trying to walk in them something was wrong. The dad said, "Son, you have the boots on the wrong feet." The boy began to tune up and then said to his daddy, "These are the only feet I've got!" Of course, the dad wanted the right boot on the right foot and the left boot on the left foot, but children are literalists.

Last Christmas, my wife Shirley was going to meet me at a party we were to attend. As she was getting ready, she was interrupted and delayed. Finally, when she was able to finish getting ready she was in a panic and a rush. She got everything together, pulled on the boots that she wanted to wear, and headed out the door. When she got to the party, things were not right. She was having some pains that were not normal. It was not excruciating pain but it was unwelcome pain to say the



## Directions

Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer  
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

least. Her feet and legs were hurting. No, she had not been out working. She was concerned as to what might be taking place to create the pain and when she finally looked down she discovered that she had her boots on the wrong feet. In time she was able to make a discreet exit and find a place where she could swap the boots on her feet. Amazingly there was immediate relief and life was good again.

The reason I wanted to invite you into this discussion about feet is that many of you may be experiencing pain because things do not fit right. Already into the fresh new days of this year you have discovered that you are still uncomfortable. There is pain that you wish you did not have and more importantly you wonder how to correct it. Well, I have good news for you! For some of you, if you will, you can make the effort to swap things around. Change out the shoes, put them on the right feet, and you might be amazed at how different life will be for you.

Have you ever watched some folks who have a bad attitude about something in life at work, at church, or at home? They get to the place where they feel like they enjoy the pain of the bad attitude more than they want to address the change that needs

to take place in them. They just keep on going mismatched, ill fitted, and hard to walk.

I remember years ago at a church, they had to cut back the shrubbery around the facilities. The bushes and trees had grown up so that they had just about covered up the building and so they did a major trim job. Additionally, there was a tree that was a problem for several reasons and needed to be removed and so while they were cutting other things back they had the tree removed. The clip job made things look different and in some ways better. Some people did not like the new look. One lady in particular was just outraged that the tree had been removed. From her assessment environmentally, esthetically, and personally the unpardonable sin had been committed. She explained to everyone who would listen why the tree should not have been removed. If people did not want to listen, she unloaded on them because of their insensitivity and unconcern. Now, granted she faithfully kept on coming to church, but whether in Sunday School, worship, or a social event she was always at the borderline boiling point over the cutting of the tree. Things got so bad that her husband stopped com-

ing to church. He did not want to be around her and all of her outrages or have to deal with the aftermath of the people that she had hurt or angered. So for him, disappearing was the better part of valor. She came on and raged on.

Now in all honesty what could be done about the tree that had been cut and removed? I mean, at that point what could be done? Do you glue it back together and stick it in the ground or plant another tree? Honestly, nobody could do anything to satisfy her at this point. She preferred and continued for years to go through life wearing her shoes on the wrong feet and living out the pain and hurt that goes with it. It is not just about trees being cut or shrubs being trimmed that causes people to wear shoes on the wrong feet. It can be a song being sung, a sermon being preached, a letter being written, a social error being made, or a person that you have just grown to dislike. Any, all, or many other experiences in life can and should be dealt with, but often times they can cause us to get our shoes on the wrong feet and keep on going.

Maybe today would be a good day to look down and check to see if the Lord could help you to get not just your shoes correctly fitted, but also the condition of your heart fitted so that life could be a little more pleasant for you and for all of the rest of us who have to watch you stumbling around.

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## CAC notes '05 legislative bills of interest

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The 2005 Mississippi Legislature is now debating and deciding the future of approximately 2,500 filed bills. This gigantic task must be done in a short amount of time. The Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission (CAC) monitors many of these bills, especially the ones we believe to be germane to the interests of Mississippi Baptists. We realize that some of the bills highlighted will die in committee. Some will make it out of committee and therefore will need future monitoring.

I encourage you to become acquainted with your senators and representatives and to pray for them daily. Their responsibilities are enormous, and they appreciate your concern and your prayers. Listed below are some of the bills and the CAC position on them. Keep in mind this list is not at all inclusive of every bill that has been filed or that is of interest.

### PRO-LIFE

• HB (House Bill) 884 - Physicians in abortion clinics must be board certified OB/GYN. *Support.*

• HB 908 - Minors without consent may not obtain an abortion until court waives the consent requirement. *Support.*

• SB (Senate Bill) 2568/2593/HB 1353 - Prohibits human cloning. *Support.*

• SB 2592/HB1354 - Human Embryo Protection Act. *Support.*

### GAMBLING

• HB 431/802/1275/SB 2332 - Legalizes horse racing with certain stipulations. *Oppose.*

• HB 432/550 - Establishes a state lottery. *Oppose.*

• HB 468 - Allows each county to legalize gambling by local option. *Oppose.*

• HB 904 - Allows the teaching of gaming related courses in public colleges & universities. *Oppose.*

• HB 1078 - Legalizes electronic video machines on premises other than vessels. *Oppose.*

### FAMILY/ABUSE/ADOPTION

• HB117 - Prohibits cyber stalking. *Support.*

• SB 2131 - Protects children from violent video games. *Support.*

• SB 2627 - Allows income tax credit for child adoption expenses. *Support.*

• SB 2714/2738/2971 - Ensures the credibility of adoption and adoption agencies in Mississippi. *Support.*

### ALCOHOL/SUBSTANCE ABUSE

• SB 2083/HB 118 - Strengthens Driving Under the Influence (DUI) laws, especially when a minor is in the automobile. *Support.*

• HB166 - Weakens Alcohol Beverage Control laws. *Oppose.*

• HB 323 - Prohibits alcohol consumption by minors. *Support.*

• HB 391 - Includes death of unborn fetus in manslaughter provision. *Support.*

• HB 395 - Prevents certain "drive through" sales of alcoholic beverages. *Support.*

• SB 2020 - Gives District Attorney authority to evict for drug violations. *Support.*

• SB 2035 - Prohibits open alcoholic containers in vehicles. *Support.*

• SB 2787 - Takes the sale

and shipment of certain wines out from under the control of the Alcohol and Beverage Control. *Oppose.*

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• HB 227/228 - Prohibits smoking in family restaurants or only in separately enclosed bars. *Support.*

• HB 229 - Prohibits smoking in enclosed public places with certain exceptions. *Support.*

### MISCELLANEOUS

• SB 2584/HB 460 - Authorizes display of Ten Commandments in public buildings and on school property. *Support.*

• SB 2082/HB 560 - Violation of seat belt law becomes a primary offense. *Support.*

Please call the CAC at (601) 292-3329 or toll-free in Mississippi (800) 748-1651, ext. 329, if you have questions about these and other bills. E-mail: [jporter@mbcb.org](mailto:jporter@mbcb.org).

Also, you can contact your senator or representative during the 2005 session by calling (601) 359-3770. The status of a bill can be viewed via the internet at [www.ls.state.ms.us](http://www.ls.state.ms.us).



# NOBTS, SBC disagree on sole membership

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — New Orleans Seminary (NOBTS) has released a document approved by the executive committee of the seminary board expressing its reservations about adopting sole membership. Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) attorneys say the concerns are unfounded.

In an October meeting, the seminary's trustees approved sole membership language and voted to express their reservations about the corporate model in writing by December, and to relate them to SBC messengers at the annual meeting in June, which will take place in Nashville. The executive committee of the seminary board now has approved the list of reservations as its formal statement on the matter.

During last year's annual meeting messengers passed a motion asking the seminary to adopt sole membership. Messengers must vote on whether to approve the recommended changes. Sole membership is a corporate model that seeks to clarify in legal language — within each entity's charter — that the convention owns all of its entities.

The other five SBC seminaries — Golden Gate, Midwestern, Southeastern, Southern, and Southwestern — previously

have adopted sole membership, as have the North American Mission Board, International Mission Board, LifeWay Christian Resources, the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, and the Annuity Board (now Guidestone Financial Resources).

New Orleans Seminary officials say they are committed to the SBC but want to seek other ways to clarify that the SBC owns the school. The New Orleans paper lists three major concerns about adopting sole membership:

- Sole membership is incompatible with Louisiana law.

- Adopting sole membership would increase the liability of the SBC.

- Sole membership would violate Baptist polity.

Attorneys for both the SBC and the SBC Executive Committee say the seminary's concerns are without merit. SBC attorney Jim Guenther and Executive Committee counsel August Boto say, for instance, they have received counsel from attorneys in Louisiana who say sole membership is indeed compatible with state law.

Guenther and Boto say the approach taken has not violated Baptist polity or Louisiana law. "The convention's request fully recognized the authority of the board of trustees of the semi-

nary when it came to the seminary's ability to amend its charter," they write.

The paper released by New Orleans Seminary asserts that sole membership would result in a change in the way the convention relates to its entities, implying that the Executive Committee could have a greater role.

The paper adds that the "manner in which the staff and officers of the Executive Committee" have handled the discussion with the seminary "has reinforced, not lessened our concerns for the future implications of this change."

Guenther and Boto state that the polity argument is "without any basis whatsoever" and that sole membership would result in Southern Baptist Convention messengers — and not the Executive Committee — being named the "sole member" of the seminary. "Counsel [New Orleans attorneys] cannot discern one

iota of centralization of control and authority in this plan," Guenther and Boto write. "The seminary's reservation is explained by a vague fear that somehow, someday, maybe not now, but in the future, the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention might somehow gain power in this change."

In closing their joint opinion, Guenther and Boto add that there is "... no basis whatsoever for this alarmist reservation, especially in light of the fact that sole membership actually has the opposite effect, firmly establishing the voice of the messenger in trustee selection and other approval processes."

*The New Orleans statement of reservations and the joint response by Guenther and Boto can be viewed online at [www.Baptist2Baptist.net](http://www.Baptist2Baptist.net) under Sole Membership.*

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## JUST FOR THE RECORD



J.E. Strange and Jimmy McDill

**Hopewell Church, Little Rock**, declared Nov. 28, 2004, as J. E. Strange Day. Strange has served Hopewell Church as minister of music for 25 years. Strange was presented a plaque, a love offering, and had a fellowship meal. Pictured, from left, are Strange and Jimmy McDill, pastor.

**Jayess Church, Jayess**, ordained Buddy Townsend. Shown, from left, are Richard Green, pastor; Townsend; and Dorothy Townsend.

**Sebastopol Church, Union**, collected coins and other donations for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering exceeding a goal of \$2,000. Chase Dove and Lacey, Tyler and Bert Gilmore assisted in rolling coins.

The children of **Heritage Heights Church, Laurel**, held a birthday party for Jesus in December. Presents were donated to the Laurel Crisis Pregnancy Center. Shown are the children.

The WMU and the "Buzzards" Ladies Club of **First Church, Carnes**, presented every resident of Azalea Gardens Nursing Center, Wiggins, with at least one wrapped Christmas present. The ladies made fleece lap robes. Shown are several of the residents.

The GAs of **First Church, Kosciusko**, enjoyed a great day at GA Missions Madness, hosted by Colonial Heights Church in Nov. 2004.

**Antioch Church, Columbus**, will have a winter revival on Feb. 13-16, Sun. 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7:00 p.m.; Randall Creel, guest evangelist. For more information, contact (601) 328-4765.

**Southside Church, Vicksburg**, will present Heaven's Gates & Hell's Flames, Feb. 27- 28 and March 1; 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact (601) 631-0047.

**First Church, Vardaman**, ordained Joe Smith to the ministry. He is available for supply and other preaching opportunities. Contact Smith at (662) 682-9527 or through the church at (662) 682-7458.

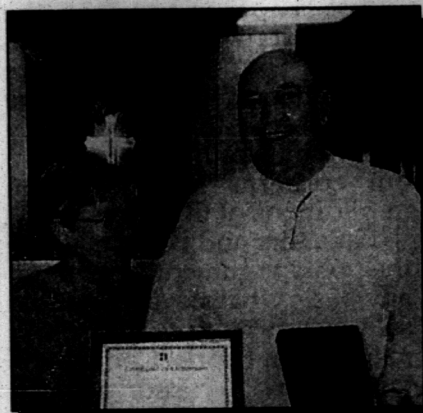
**Calvary Church, Greenwood**, exceeded its Lottie Moon Christmas goal of \$3500. Total receipts were \$4386.70.

**Hebron Church, Pheba**, will host the Miracles in concert, Jan. 30, 6 p.m., at the Hebron Christian School gym, with a fellowship afterwards.

**Bethlehem Church, Winona**, recently ordained Dewayne Montgomery as a deacon.

Charles "Chubby" Winters was recently ordained at **Calvary Church, Parchman**. The retired fire chief for the state penitentiary became a Christian as a result of the events of Sept. 11, 2001, and is actively involved in missions around the globe.

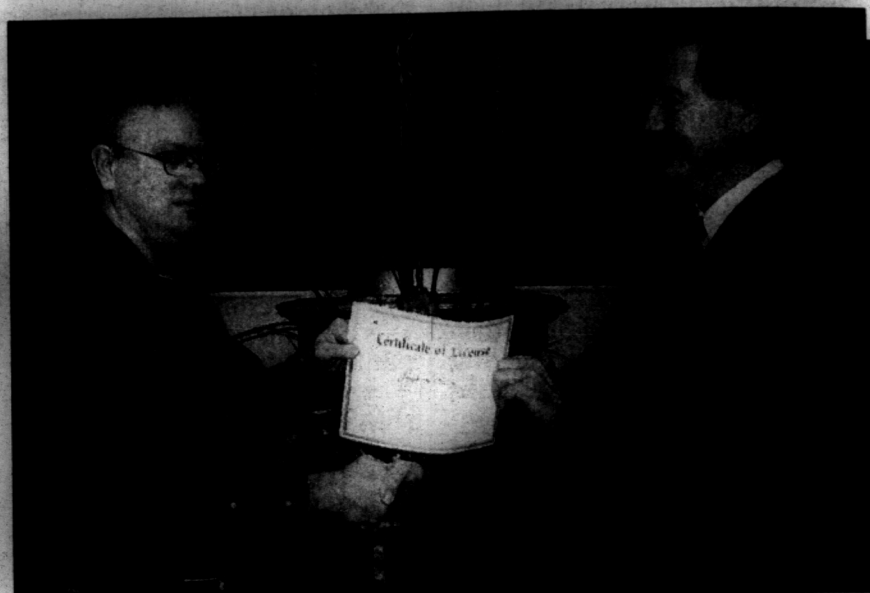
**Hebron Church, Pheba**, will host a basketball fundraiser for their youth program Feb. 5. Participants must pre-register; cost is \$10/person, with groups for ages 13-22 and 22 - Senior. The church is also holding a Boston Butt sale, orders by Feb. 14 with pickup available on Feb. 19.



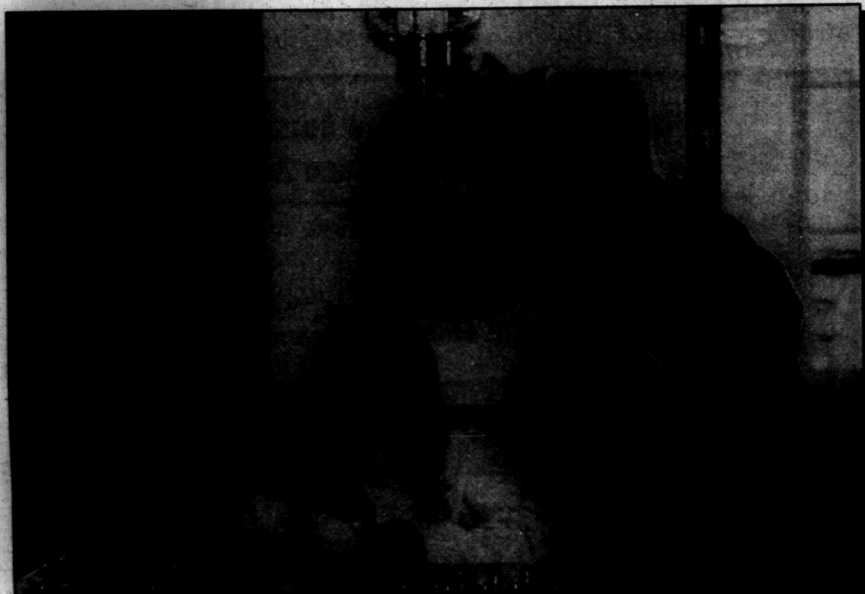
Charles "Chubby" Winters

Annie L. Tenhet was honored Nov. 28 at **Moorhead Church, Mid Delta Association**, for her many years of work. Known as "Mrs. WMU," she had a great

impact on the mission giving of the church. The women's ministry raised \$1,000.00 for the Lottie Moon offering in honor of Mrs. Tenhet.



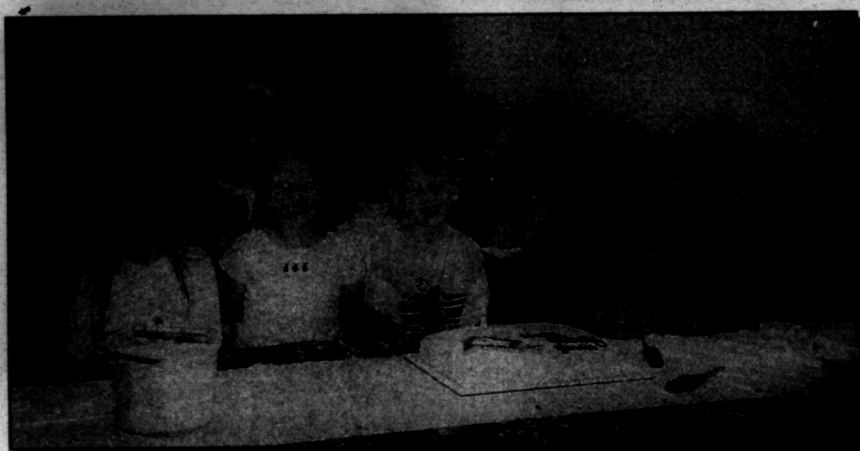
Deacon Ordination, First Church, Vardaman



Rolling coins for Lottie Moon, Sebastopol Church, Union



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GAs, First Church, Kosciusko



## JUST FOR THE RECORD

The Webb, Sumner, and Tutwiler youth group presented the play, *Isn't This What Christmas is All About?* at **First Church, Tutwiler, Sumner, and Webb** in December.



Webb, Sumner, and Tutwiler youth group

**Center Hill Church, Hamilton**, recently licensed Jack Dauphin to the gospel ministry. Dauphin is available for pulpit supply and can be reached at (662) 343-5591. Shown are pastor Terry Edwards and Dauphin.

The preschool choir of **Clark-Venable Church, Decatur**, presented the musical *Sing a Song of Christmas*. Shown are the participants.

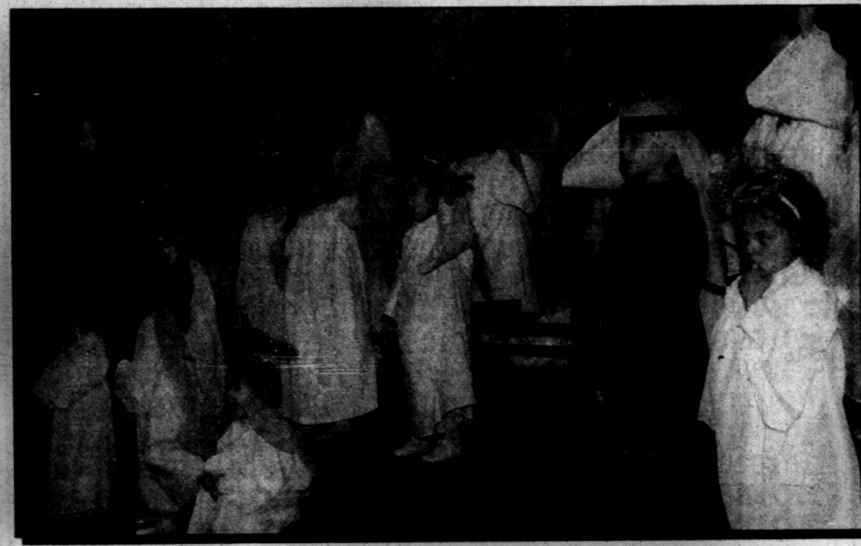
**Central Church, Brookhaven**, will sponsor a Mayberry RFD Dinner Theater Feb. 12, 6 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased from any WMU

member or at the church office. Call (601) 833-2827 for information.

**The Ladies' Outreach of Faith Church, Amory**, hosted a reception in honor of Wade Cook for 30 years in ministry and 10 years of ministry at Faith. Shown are Barbara and Wade Cook.



Barbara & Wade Cook



Preschool Choir of Clark-Venable Church, Decatur



Terry Edwards & Dauphin

## COLLEGE & SEMINARY NEWS

David H. Lee, executive director for the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware, will receive the **William Carey College Distinguished Alumnus Award** at Homecoming ceremonies to be held on the Hattiesburg campus Jan. 22.



Lee

Nathan Barber, author of *Keeper of the Cross*, will receive the **William Carey College Distinguished Young Alumnus of the Year** award at Homecoming ceremonies to be held on the Hattiesburg campus Jan. 22.



Barber

will support and assist the Department of Chemistry in its ability to continue to offer state-of-the-art equipment in the education of its chemistry students.

Randall O'Brien, professor and chair of the Department of Religion at Baylor University and a native of McComb, will be the Evangelism lecturer at MC Feb. 7, 7 p.m., in the Grand Hall of the B. C. Rogers Student Center on the MC campus.

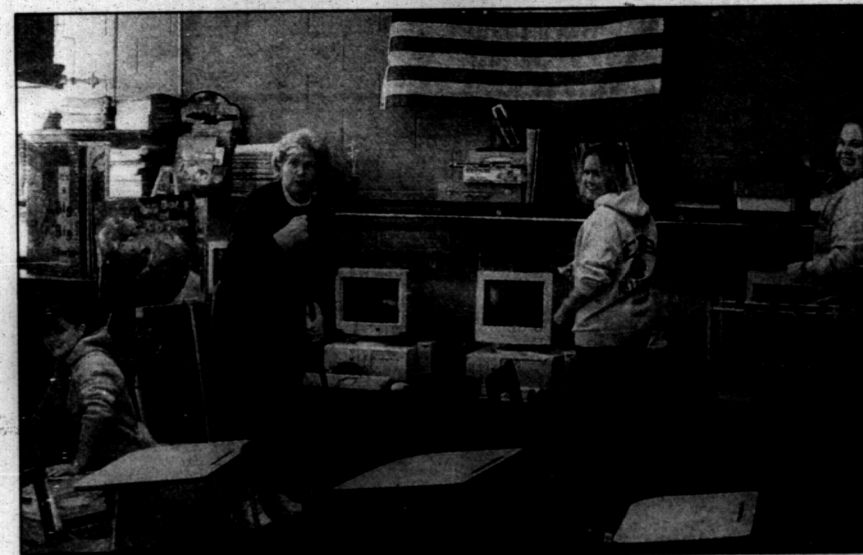
Paul Hurst, member of the legal counsel for Gov. Haley Barbour, spoke about the relationship between Christian values and Political Decisions at the Jan. 25 meeting of the Christian Legal Society at the MC School of Law.

**The New Orleans Seminary (NOBTS)** student enlistment office will sponsor a preview weekend for prospective ministry students Feb. 24-26. Registration is at 4:30 p.m. at River City Café, and the deadline is one week before the event. Cost is \$25. For more information, call the Office of Student Enlistment at (800) NOBTS-01, ext. 3333.

Noted Baptist leaders and scholars will address the mission of today's church at **NOBTS** Feb. 10-12. Registration fee is \$75 and includes three meals and a banquet. Reservations can be made online at [www.providencelearningcenter.com](http://www.providencelearningcenter.com) or



Jerry Cannon, Lee Royce, Danny Rutland, and Ed Valente receive Keck Foundation grant



Blue Mountain College faculty and students

Approximately 150 **Blue Mountain College** students, faculty, and staff observed Martin Luther King Day with a "day on and not a day off" by performing acts of service by cleaning the Town Hall and Library, elementary and high schools, and the local cemetery.

**Blue Mountain College** will host its Spring 2005 Career Fair on February 7 from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Paschal Student Center. Representatives from the Mississippi Teacher Center, various seminaries and other graduate programs, as well as area employers will be on hand. Contact Teresa Arrington, [tarrington@bmc.edu](mailto:tarrington@bmc.edu) or call (662) 685-4771, ext. 127, for information.

**Mississippi College (MC)** Department of Chemistry has received a \$300,000 Keck Foundation Grant. The money

by phone at (800) 662-8701, ext. 8060.

N. T. Wright and John Dominic Crossan will participate at the Greer-Heard Point-Counterpoint Forum: Exploring the Tension of Faith and Culture, March 11-12 on the **NOTBS** campus. The topic is *The Resurrection: Historical Fact or Theological Invention?* Cost is \$20/person, with a student and min-

isterial rate of \$10. For more information, visit [www.greerheard.com](http://www.greerheard.com).

## REVIVALS

**Friendship Church, Aberdeen:** Revival, Feb. 20 - 23; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon. - Wed. 7 p.m. R. J. Wilemon, Tupelo, preaching; Slater Murphy, Columbus, music. Todd Bowen, pastor.

**Hebron Church, Pheba:** Revival, Feb. 20 - 23; Sunday, 6 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m. Jack Daniels, preaching; Becky and Steve Carver, music. Hebron is also hosting Friend Day April 3. Ray M. Spence, pastor.

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## FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

### If God Really Loves Me

Hoses 1:2-11; 3:1-5

By Frances C. Graham

Hosea, the first of the Minor Prophets, warned Israel against an isolationism from God. Hosea and Amos were contemporaries to the northern kingdom of Israel while Micah and Isaiah were prophets to the southern kingdom of Judah.

The story of Hosea is the tragedy of a broken home. Hosea's personal experiences provide a background for his message. For you see, Hosea comes out of a broken home and speaks to the nation with a heart that is breaking. He understands God's frustration with the nation of Israel because Hosea feels the same way regarding his home life.

In the first three chapters of Hosea, we are immediately introduced to the personal story

of this prophet and his wife Gomer. When reading various commentaries, one discovers much is written about the interpretations of the marriage including: 1) Gomer was a faithful wife and then went astray; 2) Gomer was unfaithful when she married Hosea; 3) The story told is an allegory to depict what God wanted to tell His people. The emphasis should not rest on which view is correct but rather the fact that God is speaking to His people through His inspired prophet.

"God told Hosea to go and marry a promiscuous wife and have children of promiscuity." (v.2) God immediately tells Hosea how He is going to compare Hosea's personal situation of marital infidelity or adultery to the spiritual adultery of the



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land and its people "for the whole land has been promiscuous by abandoning the Lord." (v.2)

God uses both the marriage and the children from the marriage as a spiritual lesson in revealing Israel's future. At God's direction the first child was named

Jezreel. The purpose of the name was to warn Israel of the coming judgment, and that the kingdom of Israel will cease or be scattered. (v.4) God further directed the naming of the future children as well. The second child, a daughter, was named Lo-ruhamah which means "no compassion" or "no Father's pity." For God states in verse 6 that He "will no longer have compassion on the house of Israel." The third child born of this union was to be named Lo-ammi which means "not mine" or "none of mine." In verse 9, God further states that the people of Israel "are not my people and I will not be your God."

Hosea can be called prophetic symbolism because his relationship with his wife Gomer reflects God's relationship with His people. Hosea's marriage was broken and he and Gomer parted ways. God's relationship with His people was broken because Israel parted spiritually from the Lord.

The prophecy displays a husband, his wife, and their children, along with the wife's illicit lovers. The Lord God of Israel is the faithful husband. Israel is the unfaithful wife and the lovers are represented by the Baal or idol worship.

In Chapter 3, Hosea is directed to go and take Gomer again as his wife and love her. This parallels to God accepting Israel back as His people because He loves her so even though she loved other gods and was involved in the sacrificial feasts and heathen worship.

God states that He will bring Israel back to Him in the latter days not because she deserves it based on her actions but because of His great love for

her. He notes that Israel will live many days without a king or a prince and will turn from idolatry. The one true prince that will ascend to the throne of David (Luke 1:32-33) sits at the right hand of God the Father. Jesus Christ is the Son of the Most High and He has paid the ransom for the pardon of Israel.

The parallel also exists between Israel in this passage and where man often finds himself after committing spiritual adultery by departing from God to his own wants and desires. God waits for the sinner to repent and return to Him. The price for acceptance has been paid and God's love is everlasting. The key words in Hosea 3:1-5 are "love...as the Lord loves." Therefore, just as God's love for His unfaithful people Israel challenged Hosea to love unfaithful Gomer, we are challenged to love as God loves not just the lovable but also the unlovable.

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## EXPLORE THE BIBLE

### Jesus Will Return

Luke 21:7-11; 25-28; 34-36

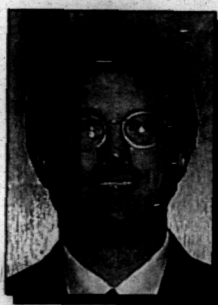
By Neil Gant

Certain primary doctrines mark people who are called evangelical or fundamentalist. Among these are the plenary verbal inspiration of Scripture, the Virgin Birth of Christ, the Bodily Resurrection of Christ, the Substitutionary Atonement of Christ, and the Visible Second Coming of Christ. These particular doctrines set us apart from other groups, cults, and even some denominations. Of the five, only one is yet to be experienced by believers — the Second Coming. It is to this that Jesus turns His attention in the latter part of Luke 21.

**DON'T BE MISLED,**  
LUKE 21:7-11

The disciples looked at the temple and noted its beauty — it

was made of gleaming white marble and its donations were gifts of gold that were displayed on the walls and hung in the portico. Herod had given a golden vine with clusters of golden grapes nearly six feet tall. So as the disciples viewed the scene, they were impressed as anyone would have been. Jesus then told them that the beautiful temple would be destroyed. They wanted to know when these things were going to happen. Jesus then warns His disciples about deception. He warns them about being deceived. He said that many would come in His name and claim to be Him and say that the end is near. He said do not follow them. Many people might still be alive if they understood the words of Jesus. He also warned them about assuming



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that the increase of war would mean the end. The Roman empire for the most part had experienced peace for a long time. A few decades after these words were spoken great turmoil erupted in the empire from one end to the other. These things will happen, but that is not

immediately the end. We can know this from the fact that wars did not cease with the destruction of Jerusalem. In verse 10 Jesus states that nation will rise up against nation. In fact, as of 1978, 300 wars had occurred in Europe in 300 years. In verse 11 He points out the fact that earthquakes, famine, and disease would also occur along with signs in the heavens. As His followers it is important that we not become misled by false signs and announcements about the Second Coming.

**KNOW THE SIGNS,**  
LUKE 21:25-28

The sign of the destruction of Jerusalem was a type and surety

of the final advent of Christ. Immediately prior to the coming of Jesus, many heavenly signs will occur (Matthew 24:29). All of nature will experience upheaval at the coming of Jesus. We cannot fully comprehend the awful nature of what will happen when Jesus comes. People will be fainting from fear and apprehension. The appearance of Jesus will be one of glorious majesty. Clouds often represent God's glory (1 Kings 8). The manner of His coming is exactly what is said in Daniel 7:13. He will come in power — Revelation 14:14-16. The very things that bring alarm to the hardened unbelievers bring comfort to the believers. When He comes we will experience the completion of our redemption.

**BE ON GUARD,**  
LUKE 21:34-36

Jesus told the disciples to take heed — to give attention to — our hearts and not let them be weighed down with three particular things. We must understand that Jesus gave the warning because the believer is capable of any kind of sin. The first

is carousing — this refers to excessive indulgence in pleasures — the distressing after-effects of drunkenness. The second is drunkenness. It is wrong for a believer to use beer and wine and is a shame for them to make money off of its sale. The third is anxiety. How often we find ourselves worrying. There is an anxiety about life which is ruinous and poisonous to our spiritual prosperity.

There will be a great suddenness to the Lord's Second Coming. We have no idea as the precise hour of the coming of the Son of Man. He gives us two primary duties — watchfulness and prayer. We are to watch — be on our guard — literally — to be awake. We are to live on our guard in the country of the enemy. We are to pray always. A constant habit of real prayer. Daily let us spend time with God. God help us to put aside all things that would hinder us from living a life of readiness for the Second Coming.

Gant is pastor of Pleasant Grove Church, Gore Springs.

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## HONOR ROLL OF CHURCHES

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1. White Sand Baptist Church, Poplarville	\$112,670.00
2. Temple Baptist Church West, Hattiesburg	\$45,160.00
3. Immanuel Baptist Church, Vicksburg	\$30,236.71
4. Morrison Heights Baptist Church, Clinton	\$26,954.84
5. Perkinson Baptist Church, Perkinson	\$25,260.00
6. First Baptist Church, Crystal Springs	\$16,525.68
7. First Baptist Church, Corinth	\$16,418.04
8. Leaf River Baptist Church, Collins	\$16,260.00
9. West Kemper Baptist Church, De Kalb	\$16,000.00
10. Murphy Creek Baptist Church, Louisville	\$13,777.64
11. Bunker Hill Baptist Church, Columbia	\$13,566.86
12. Bethany Baptist Church, Calhoun City	\$12,610.00
13. First Baptist Church, Richton	\$12,505.58
14. First Baptist Church, Kosciusko	\$12,183.00
15. First Baptist Church, Madison	\$12,076.40
16. Williamsville Baptist Church, Kosciusko	\$11,560.57
17. First Baptist Church, Jackson	\$11,390.23
18. Roseland Park Baptist Church, Picayune	\$11,374.00
19. First Baptist Church, Water Valley	\$11,229.19
20. Calvary Baptist Church Waynesboro	\$10,956.00
21. Sand Hill Baptist Church Richton	\$9,665.00
22. Walthall Baptist Church Walthall	\$9,367.00
23. First Baptist Church McComb	\$9,288.04
24. Briar Hill Baptist Church Florence	\$8,828.49
25. First Baptist Church Union	\$8,540.79
26. North Winona Baptist Church, Winona	\$8,101.74
27. Pine Forest Baptist Church, Collinsville	\$7,895.69
28. Shiloh Baptist Church, Big Creek	\$7,878.02
29. First Baptist Church, Canton	\$7,835.00
30. Poplar Springs Baptist Church, Newton	\$7,743.69
31. First Baptist Church, Newton	\$7,640.98
32. First Baptist Church, Hazlehurst	\$7,634.75
33. Topisaw Baptist Church, Bogue Chitto	\$7,510.00
34. First Baptist Church, Booneville	\$7,370.67
35. Gaston Baptist Church, Booneville	\$7,280.64
36. First Baptist Church, Abbeville	\$7,263.15
37. First Baptist Church, Louisville	\$7,116.92
38. First Baptist Church, Sardis	\$7,106.40
39. Calvary Baptist Church, Bogue Chitto	\$7,062.16
40. Seminary Baptist Church, Seminary	\$6,925.97

41. Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Madison	\$6,888.31
42. Brandon Baptist Church, Brandon	\$6,815.49
43. Parkway Baptist Church, Clinton	\$6,800.00
44. First Baptist Church, Picayune	\$6,708.00
45. First Baptist Church, Eupora	\$6,683.93
46. Rienzi Baptist Church, Rienzi	\$6,652.32
47. Harmony Baptist Church, Crystal Springs	\$6,640.88
48. Union Baptist Church, Richton	\$6,637.27
49. Rolling Creek Baptist Church, Quitman	\$6,614.25
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63. First Baptist Church, Brookhaven	\$5,975.00
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68. Big Creek Baptist Church, Big Creek	\$5,810.70
69. First Baptist Church, Greenville	\$5,766.71
70. First Baptist Church, Starkville	\$5,714.58
71. Forest Baptist Church, Forest	\$5,687.50
72. First Baptist Church, Olive Branch	\$5,658.29
73. First Baptist Church, Pearl	\$5,653.75
74. Mount Zion Baptist Church, Tate/Independence	\$5,540.00
75. Fredonia Baptist Church, New Albany	\$5,474.00
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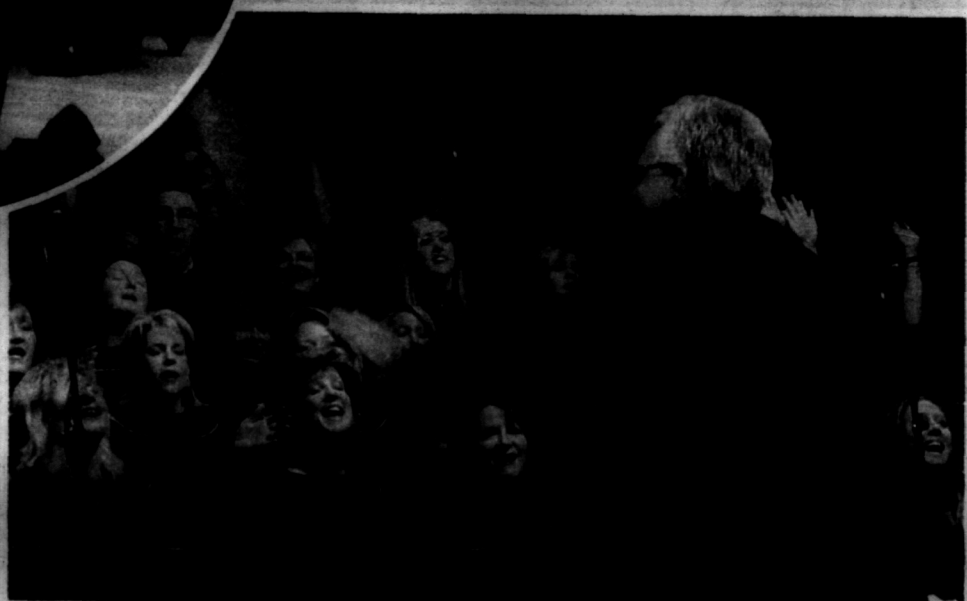
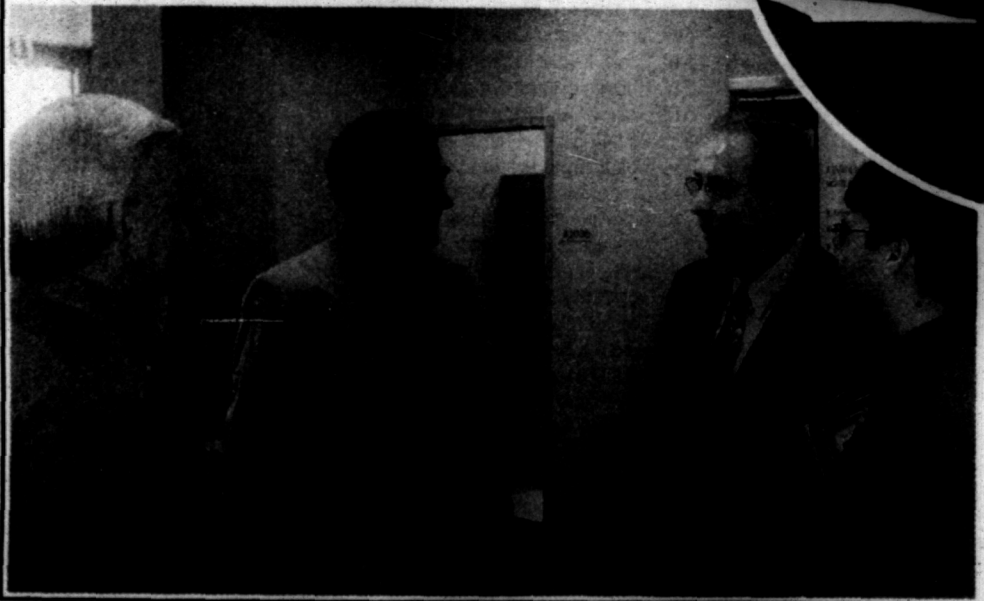
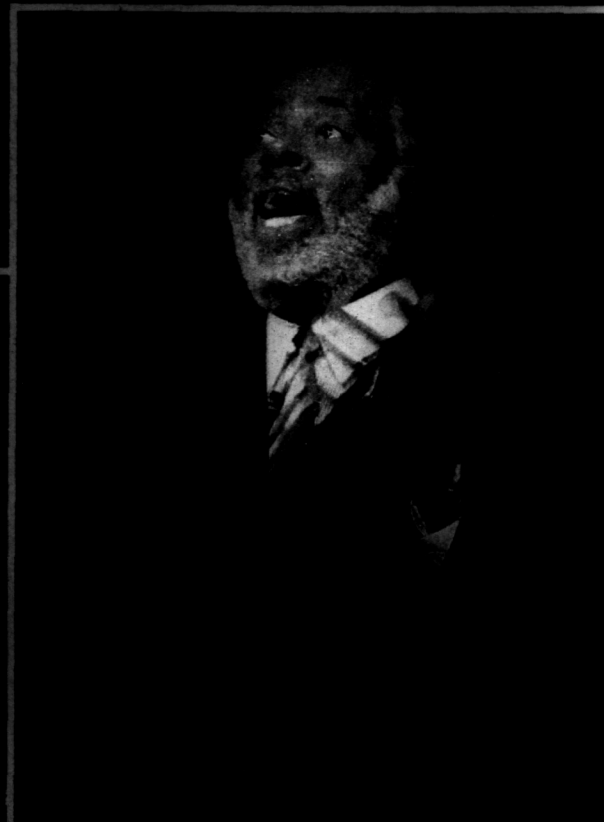
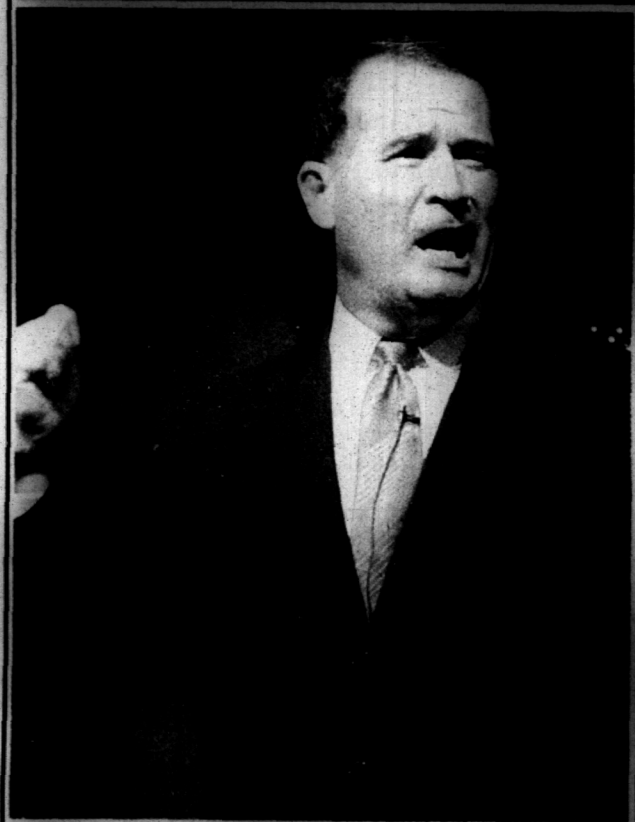
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459. Oak Grove Baptist Church, Mount Olive	\$1,200.00
460. Concord Baptist Church, Macon	\$1,200.00
461. Port Gibson Baptist Church, Port Gibson	\$1,200.00
462. Fellowship Baptist Church, Ripley	\$1,200.00
463. Ellison Ridge Baptist Church, Louisville	\$1,200.00
464. Bond Baptist Church, Philadelphia	\$1,197.00
465. Ecu Baptist Church, Ecu	\$1,190.00
466. County Line Baptist Church, Crystal Springs	\$1,175.75
467. Salem Baptist Church, Potts Camp	\$1,175.00
468. Cartersville Baptist Church, Petal	\$1,166.66
469. Union Baptist Church, Roxie	\$1,163.07
470. North Columbia Baptist Church, Columbia	\$1,161.00
471. Morgan Chapel Baptist Church, Sturgis	\$1,154.50
472. Conway Baptist Church, Carthage	\$1,153.54
473. Oak Grove Baptist Church, Meridian	\$1,148.48
474. First Baptist Church, Waynesboro	\$1,143.00
475. Ora Baptist Church, Collins	\$1,134.16
476. Victoria Heights Baptist Church, Victoria	\$1,132.18
477. Goodyear Baptist Church, Picayune	\$1,121.88
478. Sebastopol Baptist Church, Sebastopol	\$1,117.50
479. New Liberty Baptist Church, Glen	\$1,116.11
480. Calvary Baptist Church, New Augusta	\$1,115.32
481. Border Springs Baptist Church, Caledonia	\$1,115.00
482. First Baptist Church, Wiggins	\$1,110.00
483. Galilee Baptist Church, Gloster	\$1,110.00
484. Pearlhaven Baptist Church, Brookhaven	\$1,109.50
485. Lakeland Baptist Church, Mantachie	\$1,108.38
486. Fellowship Baptist Church, Starkville	\$1,101.00
487. Mount Zion Baptist Church, Florence	\$1,100.00
488. Union Baptist Church, Corinth	\$1,098.04
489. Myrick Baptist Church, Laurel	\$1,096.11
490. Longview Baptist Church, Belden	\$1,092.00
491. Unity Baptist Church, Iuka	\$1,086.60
492. Union Baptist Church, Meridian	\$1,086.47
493. Highland Baptist Church, Jackson	\$1,083.30
494. Pearson Baptist Church, Pearl	\$1,083.30
495. Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Calhoun City	\$1,071.00
496. Salem Baptist Church, Raleigh	\$1,067.72
497. Heritage Baptist Church, Lucedale	\$1,067.03
498. Heuck's Retreat Baptist Church, Brookhaven	\$1,065.00
499. First Baptist Church, Lambert	\$1,060.00
500. Enterprise Baptist Church, Enterprise	\$1,056.78
501. First Baptist Church, Greenwood	\$1,054.00
502. Montrose Baptist Church, Louin	\$1,051.45
503. Tocowa Baptist Church, Batesville	\$1,050.00
504. Wheeler Grove Baptist Church, Corinth	\$1,050.00
505. First Baptist Church, Anguilla	\$1,047.25
506. Calvary Baptist Church, Holly Springs	\$1,042.00
507. Souenlovie Baptist Church, Enterprise	\$1,041.08
508. Causeville Baptist Church, Meridian	\$1,038.31
509. Airport Baptist Church, Grenada	\$1,037.57
510. Trinity Baptist Church, Vicksburg	\$1,025.00
511. Hopewell Baptist Church, Crystal Springs	\$1,020.00
512. Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Lena	\$1,015.89
513. Corinth Baptist Church, Magee	\$1,015.00
514. Mount Pisgah Baptist Church, Carrollton	\$1,010.20
515. Centerville Baptist Church, Centerville	\$1,010.00
516. Park Place Baptist Church, Brandon	\$1,008.35
517. Crowder Baptist Church, Crowder	\$1,008.08
518. Morrison Chapel Baptist Church, Cleveland	\$1,004.19
519. New Haven Baptist Church, Weir	\$1,000.59
520. Ebenezer Baptist Church, Bassfield	\$1,000.48
521. Jones Chapel Baptist Church, Nettleton	\$1,000.00
522. Rock Branch Baptist Church, Union	\$1,000.00
523. First Baptist Church, Collinsville	\$1,000.00
524. Seminary Baptist Church, Beaumont	\$1,000.00
525. County Line Baptist Church, Walnut	\$1,000.00
526. Enon Baptist Church, Jayess	\$1,000.00
527. Roundaway Baptist Church, Doddsville	\$1,000.00



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